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Grad to perform on Arts Series

Howard Watkins '86 has performed as a pianist in Helsinki and Seoul, Taipei and Salzburg.

On Feb. 2, he will play in Dayton.

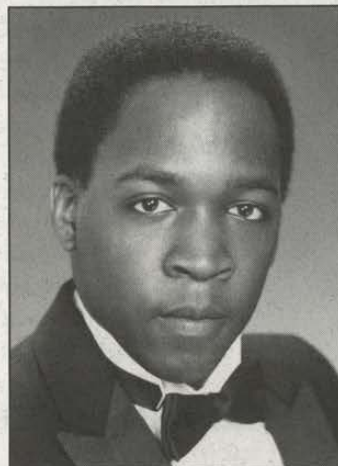
The former honors program student will perform with Xiang Gao, concertmaster of the University of Michigan Symphony Orchestra, as part of the UD Arts Series.

The Dayton native was holder of the Albert Lockwood

Memorial Fellowship at Michigan, where he received a master's of music in 1989.

For five years he lectured at Michigan as a faculty member in the university's dance program.

He is currently in the second year of a doctoral program. In the past two years, he has developed, he says, "more interest in chamber music and



Howard Watkins '86

collaborative work."

And in that time, he adds, he has "done

a lot of performing."

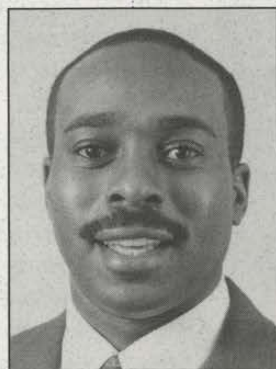
In addition to his touring and his work at Michigan, Watkins is a member of the accompanying faculty at the Aspen Music Festival in Colorado.

The UD Arts Series concert will take place at 8 p.m., Feb. 2, in the Sears Recital Hall in the Jesse Philips Humanities Center on the UD campus.

Tickets are \$12 for the general public and \$8 for alumni.

Engineering program into gear

Bruce Carr, a 1990 UD graduate



Bruce Carr '90

and former Dayton Public Schools science teacher, has been named the first director

of the School of Engineering's Minority Engineering Program. He began work earlier this month.

"As Minority Engineering Pro-

gram director, I intend to improve the recruitment, retention and graduation of underrepresented minority engineering students," said Carr. "And I look forward to building a program which will become one of the best in the nation."

Norman Phillips, an associate dean for undergraduate engineering programs, worked with program models provided by the National Association of Minority Engineer-

ing Program Administrators and others to design UD's new program. First-year MEP students will be clustered in required engineering courses like calculus and physics, but not separated from other students. MEP students also must attend study groups which are led by upperclass students and a faculty adviser two nights per week.

UD received help funding the program with a \$150,000 gift over three years from the Mead Corp.,

\$100,000 in scholarship support (over four years) from Dayton Power & Light and \$50,000 from General Motors Delphi Chassis Systems.

Carr hopes to attract 23 students to the program when it's launched this fall. Administrators also hope the MEP will double the number of minority students at UD in five years. Currently, more than 90 universities around the country have successful MEP programs.

Lloyd E. Lewis Jr. '48 shrugs off the 'pioneer' label

"Most black people who have done anything are the first to do this and the first to do that,"

Lloyd E. Lewis Jr. '48 says. "I don't think there's any value in the numbers game."

Nonetheless, Lewis, who joined fellow UD alumnus Tom Roberts '77 as state representative in the 38th district last year, enjoys a well-earned reputation as a trailblazer for African Americans. Consider: He was the first black to serve as general manager of Rike's downtown, fill an assistant city manager post for the city of Dayton, work as a general manager and assistant vice president of Dayton Power & Light and chair the board at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. During

Lewis' 14-year tenure at DP&L, the ranks of

black managers swelled from a handful to more than 100. At the city, he helped spur the development of Courthouse Square.

"My dad would never let us forget whence we came," says Lewis, who earned a bachelor's degree in business from UD and got his start in a Dayton Goodyear tire franchise/general store managed by his family. "I learned at an early age that the community is the basis of my existence. Its members make me who I am by supporting my aspirations and efforts. It is my responsibility to actively make changes for improvement."

So, at an age when many people think of retiring, Lewis, 68, is commuting three days a week to Columbus where he's tackling issues like school financing, speed limit changes and a proposed concealed weapons law.

"It's been exciting," he says. "Teddy Roosevelt once said he got into politics because he enjoyed being at the seat of power."

"It's fun because we are at the seat of power."



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Herbert Campbell '55 gives students some advice

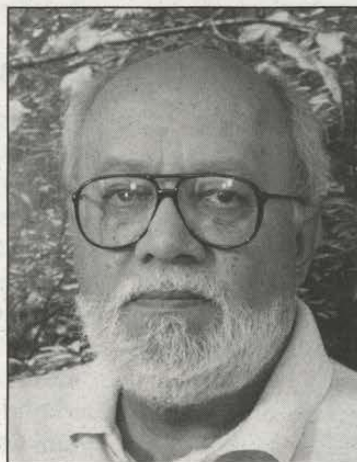
In the 36 years he has spent as an orthodontist, Herbert Campbell '55 can't recall having a bad day.

"Every day is exciting because you know that you're working with someone who wants to change their appearance. I get a lot of pleasure out of what I do," said Campbell, who will retire Jan. 31.

Although he has thoroughly enjoyed working with the healing arts, Campbell said the time has come to savor the fruit of his labor. "I want to kick back, play a little golf and maybe spend some time in the sunshine during the winter," he said.

Campbell, 61, said he will always have some time to offer advice to those who are considering a college education and perhaps a career similar to his. "I'm someone who has gone through the professional schools," he said. "If someone wants to know what's going on, I feel like I could be of some help."

Campbell tells aspiring athletes that they



Herbert Campbell '55

should think about the odds of becoming a professional in medicine vs. shooting hoops in the NBA. "It's actually easier to become a neurosurgeon than it is to make it to the NBA," said Herbert.

Only the top prospects for dental school become orthodontists, Herbert warned. "There are only 275 openings a year for students who want to do specialty

training in orthodontics, so only the top 5 or 10 percent in each class are going to make it," he said. There are only about 7,000 orthodontists in the United States, Herbert said.

His advice has produced results. Among Campbell's former patients are two area physicians and one dentist.

Students

MOSS RUNS AND SERVES

Success and leadership have been no strangers to Maria Moss. She brings two state track championships and eight years of competitive running experience from her hometown of Springfield, Ohio, to help lead UD's inaugural women's track team.

Although much of her success has occurred on the track, it wasn't running that initially attracted Moss to UD. Rather "it was UD's highly respected accounting program that caught my eye." An athletic scholarship and the prospect of pioneering women's track under the direction of coach Harold "Lefty" Martin only helped cinch the deal. Now that she's here, she "expects the success to continue."

She applies the lessons she has learned on the track when leading her church's youth group. Between 7:30 a.m. daily practices, a demanding academic schedule and active participation in her church back home, Moss keeps busy. "Coach Martin motivates us to work hard not only at track but whatever

we do."

Moss enjoys both "athletics and helping others. I would never want to give up either."

RUCKER WINS STUDENT PERSONNEL AWARD

Akil Rucker, a junior management information systems major, has been accepted for the Minority Undergraduate Fellowship Award given annually by the National Association for Student Personnel Administration to individuals considering a career in college administration.

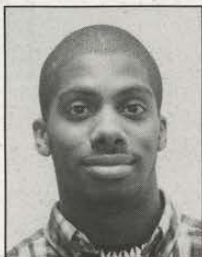
Leadership is nothing new to Rucker, who serves on the Student Life Council, the Advisory Council for Student Residents as well as being a resident assistant at Campus South.

Rucker's strong desire to help others in the student community as a leader makes him an effective role model for other

students, says Carol Cummins-Collier, associate dean of students. "Akil is a very caring, charismatic young man," says Cummins-Collier. "I know he will make a difference in this world."



Moss



Rucker

Events

MARTIN LUTHER KING PRAYER BREAKFAST

Greer Gordon, from Regis College, Weston, Mass., will speak at the UD's annual Martin Luther King prayer breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16, in the Kennedy Union Ballroom. The theme of this year's breakfast is "The Challenge: Live the Dream."

Before becoming a member of the religious studies faculty at Regis College, Gordon was the director of the Office of Black Catholics in the Archdiocese of Boston, and director of Adult Religious Education in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. Gordon has also taught at Georgetown University and St. Mary's Seminary. Gordon has written two books, numerous articles and produced five video programs.

The breakfast is open to the public for a fee of \$6. To reserve tickets call African-American Student Services at 299-3634 by Jan. 12. There will also be a limited number of tickets available at the door.

FEBRUARY

■ Feb. 2 — Howard Watkins and Xiang Gao, Arts Series, cosponsored by African-American Student Services, Sears Recital Hall, 8 p.m. See Page 1.

■ Feb. 4 — African-American Liturgy, Immaculate Conception Chapel, 5 p.m.

■ Feb. 4-10 — B.A.T.U. Week.

■ Feb. 9-10 — Atonement in Our Community, led by Kojo Madu (African-American male support group).

■ Feb. 13 — William Julius Wilson, sponsored by the Distinguished Speakers Series and African-American Student Services, Kennedy Union Ballroom, 8 p.m.

■ Feb. 24, Donna Cox, faculty recital, Sears Recital Hall, 6 p.m.

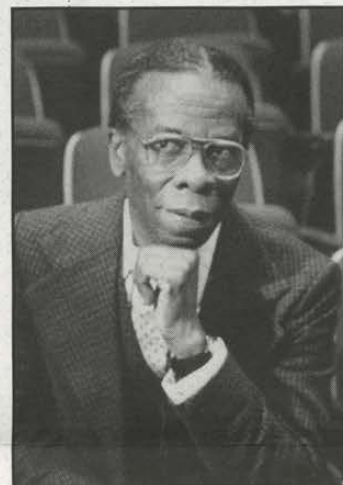
■ Feb. 25-March 2, Women's Reflection Week, led by Women at the Well (African-American female support group).

For details and more events, call African-American Student Services, (513)229-3634.

AND OTHERS...

■ Homecoming '95 — "We'll see you again next year," say co-chairs Bernard R. McClung '70 and Kathleen Henderson '86. Again next year, a number of events will be presented by the Black Alumni organization.

■ And also on the alumni scene — Reunion Weekend, June 13-16, 1996.



On Jan. 17, UD's poet-in-residence, Herbert Woodward Martin will present "An Evening with Paul Laurence Dunbar" at 7 p.m. in the Sears Recital Hall.

This fall, when Balkan leaders came to Dayton to talk of peace, Martin responded with a poem of peace. It can be found on the World Wide Web in the Dec. 5 Doing the Plaza section of the *University of Dayton Quarterly*, <http://www.udayton.edu/udq>

Seminarian finds 'soul mate'

Judi Wortham wasn't sure what to expect when she left Los Angeles to enroll in



Judi Wortham

the United Theological Seminary in Dayton and answer the call she says she fought for eight years.

She found more than she expected: "a true soul mate" with whom she'll minister side by side, a niche in campus ministry and opportunities for pastoral coun-

seling and outreach to women.

As a graduate assistant at the University of Dayton, she divides her time between African-American student services and campus ministry. Wortham, who holds an undergraduate degree in psychology from UCLA, facilitates women's retreats and a support group for African-American female students called Women at the Well. She was encouraged to apply for the job by Kelvin Sauls, a UTS seminary student from Johannesburg, South

Africa, who also serves as a campus minister at UD.

Sauls and Wortham plan to marry July 13, after his ordination in the Methodist church. Wortham will be ordained in August in the AME church. It's a union that blends Sauls' focus on global outreach and Wortham's interest in pastoral care.

Wortham's adding an international perspective to her divinity studies, as well. She was one of two UTS students selected to study in Israel in December; in January, she'll spend two weeks

in Ghana to fulfill one of the requirements for the M.Div. degree: "a transcultural experience that is uncomfortable for us." In March she hopes to accompany Sauls and a group of UD students to Haiti in a "Spring Breakout" project sponsored by campus ministry.

Wortham, who dreams someday of running a women's counseling center says her perspective on ministry is to be out and among people. "For me to model what Christ did, he was always outside and addressing needs."

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